

paid to full time personnel of the recipient doing the same or similar work. If the nature of the work is not similar and/or there is not an established wage scale, the prevailing state or county hourly wage for public employees shall be obtained from the appropriate state or county agency and used for the newly established position. However, non-profit recipients must pay all personnel employed for the construction of the EDA assisted project the prevailing hourly wages for the area as established by the U.S. Department of Labor.

(b) The use of in-house forces for construction may be approved by EDA if:

(1) The recipient has a special skill required for the construction of the project, *e.g.*, construction of unique Indian structures, or

(2) The recipient has made all reasonable efforts to obtain a contractor but has failed to do so because of uncontrollable factors such as the remoteness of the project site or an overabundance of construction work in the project area, or

(3) Substantial cost savings can be demonstrated.

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§ 305.23 Public Works projects for design and engineering work.

In general, EDA prefers to award a Public Works grant that includes all of the costs required for the successful completion of a project, including the design and engineering work.

(a) When the purpose of the Public Works project is to accomplish only the design and engineering work for a proposed future construction project, EDA may award a grant for the design and engineering work with the understanding that EDA cannot make a commitment against a future fiscal year appropriation to fund the proposed construction project.

(b) The purpose of the EDA assisted project for design and engineering work is to produce all of the documents required for the construction of the proposed future project in a format and in sufficient quantity to permit a construction contract to be advertised and awarded soon after the project's construction financing has been arranged. The EDA document, *Requirements for*

Approved Construction Projects, should be used to ensure that the proposed construction project meets all applicable Federal requirements.

(c) Design and engineering projects will not generally be considered unless the nature of the proposed project to be considered is complex or environmentally sensitive and EDA makes a determination that it is in the best interest of the Government to award a separate grant for design and engineering.

(d) EDA requires the design/engineering contract to be submitted to and approved by EDA before any EDA grant funds can be disbursed.

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§ 305.24 Disbursements of funds for grants.

(a) Disbursements of funds for construction grants are generally made on a reimbursable basis on request of the recipient for reimbursement. Disbursements may be made only:

(1) After execution of all contracts required for the completion of the project. This condition may be waived by EDA if the grantee can demonstrate that enforcement of the condition would place an undue burden on it;

(2) For itemized and certified eligible costs incurred, as substantiated by such documentary evidence as EDA may require;

(3) On the basis of the work accomplished and the percentage of EDA participation, but in no event for more than the total sum stated in the financial assistance award accepted by the grantee;

(4) Upon such evidence as EDA may require that grantee's proportionate share of funds not yet expended is on deposit;

(5) After a determination by EDA that all applicable terms and conditions of the grant have been met; and

(6) After meeting such other requirements as EDA may establish in accordance with other Federal laws, rules and regulations.

(b) Disbursements are generally made in installments, based upon grantee's actual rate of disbursement in accordance with the grant rate.

(c) Advances of funds are allowable when disbursement on a reimbursable